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Bureau of Reclamation Acquisition Operations Branch  
Attention: Mr. Shaun Wilken Mail Code: 84-27852  
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Denver, Colorado 80225

Dear Mr. Wilken,

This letter expresses my support for the Merced Irrigation District's WaterSMART grant proposal for the MIDH20 Drought Protection Model Improvements. This project will support efforts to increase water conservation and efficiently, support protection for wildlife, and help address climate-related impacts to water supply.

The MID H20 Drought Protection Model Improvements project will ultimately enhance real-time water supply modeling as it relates to Lake McClure. Additionally, the grant would enhance modeling for reservoir inflows, outflows, irrigation deliveries, and environmental stewardship.

The implementation of the project will result in water savings that enhance the resiliency to combat extended drought periods and help reduce the risk to fish and wildlife during prolonged droughts. Thank you for your fair and full consideration.

Sincerely,

**JIM COSTA**  
Member of Congress